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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:  
HIROMI OKITSU

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 8, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application, the due date for response to which has been extended to January 10, 2005 (which is the first business day after Saturday, January 8, 2005) by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, the Applicant respectfully submits a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-referenced application along with a Preliminary Amendment. Please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks prior to examination of the above-identified application: